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1. claims: 1, 21 (part); 2-10, 22

A detection cartridge and method of use comprising a housing, a sensor, a detection chamber with a flow front control feature, and a waste chamber and details about said flow front control means, solving the problem to find alternative embodiments for flow front control means

2. claims: 1 and 21 (part); 11-15, 17, 23-26

A detection cartridge and method of use comprising a housing, a sensor, a detection chamber with a flow front control feature, and a waste chamber and details about said waste chamber, solving the problem to allow waste collection after the liquid passed the detection chamber

3. claims: 1, 21 (part); 16

A detection cartridge and method of use comprising a housing, a sensor, a detection chamber with a flow front control feature, and a waste chamber and a fluid monitor, solving the problem to monitor the fluid flow

4. claims: 18, 27-40

A module comprising a housing, an exit seal, a chamber, a plunger, and an input port and a method to use said module

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